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In re patent application of: )

David J. Robson, et al. )

Serial No. 08/876.322 )

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IMPROVEMENTS IN OR  
RELATING TO ABSORPTION  
OF HYDROPHOBIC WATER-  
IMMISCIBLE LIQUIDS )

Before the Examiner

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RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 14, 1999, Applicant submits the following response. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3030.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the reference to Applicant's prior applications as follows:

$J^{1/2}$  This application is a continuation of application number 08/620,482, filed March 22, 1996, now abandoned, which is a continuation of number 08/050,060, filed January 31, 1994, now abandoned, which is a 371 of PCT/GB91/01711, filed October 3, 1991.

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